

THE BIRDS OF DARKE COUNTY, OHIO.

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The following is a list of the birds of the Darke County region, in southwestern Ohio. During the years 1902-1904, inclusive, while the author was a lad in High school, the observations leading to this list were made. His companions in many pleasant rambles were Mr. Robert Boice, deceased, and Mr. Walter Sawyer, and identifications by one were commonly checked by the other two.

Darke County is a distinctly agricultural region, a large portion of the land being under the plow. There are many scattered woodlands, and meandering meadow-land streams or "creeks". There are no coniferous forests, no marsh formations, and no "rough" lands worthy of mention.

The sequence and nomenclature is that of Chapman's Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America.

1. **Green-winged Teal**, *Anas carolinensis* Gmel. Seen April 4, 1903.
2. **Pintail Duck**, *Daifila acuta* (Linn). Seen Sept. 5, 1903.
3. **Lesser Scaup Duck**, *Aythya affinis* (Eyt). Seen Dec. 27, 1902.
4. **Canada Goose**, *Branta canadensis* (Linn). Seen April 29, 1903.
5. **American Bittern**, *Botaurus lentiginosus* (Montag). First seen, April 27, 1903; May 6, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
6. **Great Blue Heron**, *Ardea herodias* Linn. Seen April 2, 1904.
7. **Little Green Heron**, *Ardea virescens* Linn. First seen May 11, 1904. Summer resident, May to October.
8. **Virginia Rail**, *Rallus virginianus* Linn. Seen April 4, 1903.
9. **Sora Rail**, *Porzana carolina* (Linn). Seen Sept. 28, 1903.
10. **American Coot**, *Fulica americana* Gmel. Seen April 14, 1903.
11. **American Woodcock**, *Philohela minor*, (Gmel). Seen April 16, 1903; March 20, 1904.
12. **Wilson's Snipe**, *Gallinago delicata* (Ord). Seen April 28, 1903. March 24, 1904.
13. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, *Ereunetes pusillus* (Linn). Seen April 29, 1903.
14. **Yellow-legs**, *Totanus flavipes* (Gmel). Seen April 30, 1903.
15. **Solitary Sandpiper**, *Totanus solitarius* (Wils). First seen April 29, 1903, 1904. Transient visitant April, May, and August, September.
16. **Spotted Sandpiper**, *Actitis macularia* (Linn). First seen May 7, 1903; May 11, 1904. Summer resident, May to September.

17. **Killdeer**, *Aegialitis vocifera* (Linn). First seen March 10, 1902; March 2, 1903; Feb. 29, 1904. Summer resident, March to November.
18. **Bob-White**, *Colinus virginianus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
19. **Mourning Dove**, *Zenaidura macroura* (Linn). Permanent resident, common, except in winter.
20. **Turkey Vulture**, *Cathartes aura* (Linn). First seen, March 20, 1904. Summer resident, March to October.
21. **Cooper's Hawk**, *Accipiter cooperi* (Bonap). Permanent resident.
22. **Red-tailed Hawk**, *Buteo borealis* (Gmel). Permanent resident.
23. **Pigeon Hawk**, *Falco columbarius* Linn. Seen Aug. 22, 1903.
24. **Sparrow Hawk**, *Falco sparverius* Linn. Permanent resident.
25. **Fish Hawk**, *Pandion haliaetus carolinensis* (Gmel). First seen, May 7, 1903; April 16, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
26. **Short-eared Owl**, *Asio accipitrinus* (Pall). Seen Nov. 2, 1902.
27. **Barred Owl**, *Syrnium nebulosum* (Forst). Seen April 12, 1902.
28. **Screech Owl**, *Megascops asio* (Linn). Permanent resident.
29. **Great Horned Owl**, *Bubo virginianus* (Gmel). Seen April 26, 1903.
30. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, *Coccyzus americanus* (Linn). First seen, May 21, 1904. Summer resident, May to Sept.
31. **Black-billed Cuckoo**, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (Wils). First seen, May 17, 1902; May 7, 1903; May 23, 1904. Summer resident, May to September.
32. **Belted Kingfisher**, *Ceryle alcyon* (Linn). Permanent resident.
33. **Hairy Woodpecker**, *Dryobates villosus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
34. **Downy Woodpecker**, *Dryobates pubescens* (Linn). Permanent resident.
35. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, *Sphyrapicus varius* (Linn). First seen, March 21, 1903; April 2, 1904. Transient visitant, March, April and September, October.
36. **Red-headed Woodpecker**, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
37. **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, *Melanerpes carolinus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
38. **Flicker**, *Colaptes auratus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
39. **Whip-poor-whill**, *Antrostomus vociferus* (Wils). Seen May 10, 1903.
40. **Night-hawk**, *Chordeiles virginianus* (Gmel). First seen, April 24, 1902; May 25, 1904. Summer resident, April to October.

41. **Chimney Swift**, *Chaetura pelagica* (Linn). First seen, April 19, 1902; April 11, 1903; April 16, 1904. Summer resident, April to October.
43. **Ruby-throated Humming-bird**, *Trochilus colubris* (Linn). First seen, May 7, 1903; May 11, 1904. Summer resident, May to September.
44. **Kingbird**, *Tyrannus tyrannus* (Linn). First seen, May 2, 1902; April 29, 1903; May 20, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
45. **Great Crested Fly-catcher**, *Myiarchus crinitus* (Linn). First seen, May 18, 1902; May 4, 1903; May 24, 1904. Summer resident.
46. **Phoebe**, *Sayornis phoebe*, (Lath). First seen, March 14, 1903; March 20, 1904. Summer resident, March to October.
47. **Wood Pewee**, *Contopus virens*, (Linn). First seen, May 12, 1903; May 11, 1904. Summer resident, May to October.
48. **Least Flycatcher**, *Empidonax minimus* Baird. First seen, April 27, 1902; May 9, 1903. Summer resident, April to August.
49. **Horned Lark**, *Otocorus alpestris* (Linn). Winter visitant, November to April.
50. **Blue Jay**, *Cyanocitta cristata* (Linn). Permanent resident.
51. **Crow**, *Corvus americanus* Aud. Permanent resident.
52. **Bobolink**, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (Linn). First seen, May 12, 1903; May 11, 1904. Summer resident.
53. **Cowbird**, *Molothrus ater* (Bodd). First seen, April 23, 1902; March 14, 1903; April 4, 1904. Summer resident, March to October.
54. **Red-winged Blackbird**, *Agelaius phoeniceus* (Linn). First seen, April 12, 1902; March 13, 1903; March 8, 1904. Summer resident.
55. **Meadowlark**, *Sturnella magna* (Linn). Permanent resident.
56. **Baltimore Oriole**, *Icterus galbula* (Linn). First seen, April 23, 1902; April 28, 1903; April 25, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
57. **Rusty Blackbird**, *Scolecophagus carolinus* (Mull). Transient visitant, September and October.
58. **Bronzed Grackle**, *Quiscalus quiscula aeneus* (Ridgw). First seen, March 1, 1902; March 16, 1903; April 4, 1904.
59. **Purple Finch**, *Carpodacus purpureus*, (Gmel). Winter visitant, October to April.
60. **English Sparrow**, *Passer domesticus* (Linn). Permanent resident.
61. **American Goldfinch**, *Spinus tristis* (Linn). Permanent resident.

62. **Vesper Sparrow**, *Pooecetes gramineus* (Gmel). Summer resident, March to October. First seen, April 30, 1903; March 19, 1903; March 23, 1904.
63. **Grasshopper Sparrow**, *Ammodramus savannarum passerinus* (Wils). Seen May 13, 1904. Probably a summer resident.
64. **Lark Finch**, *Chondestes grammacus* (Say). First seen, March 26, 1903. Spring migrant, March and April.
65. **White-crowned Sparrow**, *Zonotrichia leucophrys* (Forst). First seen, May 15, 1902; May 12, 1903; May 10, 1904. Spring migrant, May.
66. **White-throated Sparrow**, *Zonotrichia albicollis* (Gmel). First seen, April 17, 1902; March 18, 1903; April 23, 1904. Migrant, March to May, and Sept.-Oct.
67. **Tree Sparrow**, *Spizella monticola* (Gmel). Winter resident, November to April.
68. **Chipping Sparrow**, *Spizella socialis* (Wils). First seen, March 22, 1902; March 21, 1903; March 26, 1904. Summer resident, March to September.
69. **Field Sparrow**, *Spizella pusilla* (Wils). Permanent resident.
70. **Junco**, *Junco hyemalis* (Linn). Winter resident, Oct. to April.
71. **Song Sparrow**, *Melospiza fasciata* (Gmel). Permanent resident.
72. **Lincoln's Sparrow**, *Melospiza lincolni* (Aud). Seen Nov. 6, 1903.
73. **Swamp Sparrow**, *Melospiza georgiana* (Lath). First seen, April 18, 1903. Migrant, April and September-October.
74. **Fox Sparrow**, *Passerella iliaca* (Merr). First seen, April 20, 1902; March 21, 1903; March 20, 1904. Migrant, March April and September-October.
75. **Townee**, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* (Linn). In some years probably a permanent resident; my records show it present from February to November, inclusive.
76. **Cardinal**, *Cardinalis cardinalis* (Linn). Permanent resident.
77. **Indigo-bird**, *Passerina cyanea* (Linn). First seen, May 1, 1902; May 4, 1903; May 24, 1904. Summer resident, May to August.
78. **Dickcissel**, *Spiza americana* (Gmel). First seen, May 17, 1902; May 18, 1903; Spring migrant, May-June.
79. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, *Habia ludoviciana* (Linn). Seen September 17, 1903.
80. **Scarlet Tanager**, *Piranga erythromelas* Vieill. First seen, April 29, 1903; May 11, 1904. Spring migrant, April-May.

81. **Purple Martin**, *Progne subis* (Linn). First seen, April 18, 1902; April 19, 1903; April 10, 1904. Summer resident, April to August.
82. **Barn Swallow**, *Chelidon erythrogaster* (Bodd). First seen, May 2, 1902; May 2, 1903; April 29, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
83. **Bank Swallow**, *Clivicola riparia* (Linn). First seen, April 30, 1903. Summer resident, April to September.
84. **Rough-winged Swallow**, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* (Aud). First seen, May 19, 1902; April 29, 1903; April 30 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
85. **Cedar Wax-wing**, *Ampelis cedrorum* (Vieill). First seen, May 21, 1902; April 14, 1903; May 24, 1904. Summer resident, April to October.
86. **Loggerhead Shrike**, *Lanius ludovicianus* Linn. First seen, March 23, 1902; March 22, 1903; March 23, 1904. Summer resident, March to September.
87. **Red-eyed Vireo**, *Vireo olivaceus* (Linn). Fall migrant, September.
88. **Philadelphia Vireo**, *Vireo philadelphicus* (Cass). Very rare fall migrant; September.
89. **Warbling Vireo**, *Vireo gilvus* (Vieill). First seen, April 28, 1903; May 11, 1904. Summer resident, April to Sept.
90. **Yellow-throated Vireo**, *Vireo flavifrons* Vieill. First seen, May 7, 1903. Summer resident, May to September.
91. **White-eyed Vireo**, *Vireo noveboracensis* (Gmel). Seen May 12, 1904.
92. **Black and White Warbler**, *Mniotilta varia* (Linn.) First seen, May 1, 1902; May 4, 1903. Migrant, May and September.
93. **Blue-winged Warbler**, *Helminthophila pinus* (Linn). First seen, April 28, 1903; April 29, 1904. Migrant, April-May and September.
94. **Yellow Warbler**, *Dendroica aestiva* (Gmel). First seen, May 1, 1902; April 18, 1903; April 23, 1904. Spring migrant, April-May.
95. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**, *Dendroica caerulescens* (Gmel). First seen, May 4, 1903. Migrant, May and Sept-Oct.
96. **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, *Dendroica coronata* (Linn). First seen, April 26, 1903; May 20, 1904. Migrant, April-May and Sept.-November.
97. **Magnolia Warbler**, *Dendroica maculosa* (Gmel). First seen, May 15, 1902; May 11, 1904. Migrant, May and August.
98. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, *Dendroica pennsylvanica* (Linn). Seen September 20, 1903.

99. **Blackpoll Warbler**, *Dendroica striata* (Forst). Seen May 11, 1904.
100. **Blackburnian Warbler**, *Dendroica blackburniae* (Gmel). First seen, April 29, 1903. Migrant, April and Sept.
101. **Black-throated Green Warbler**, *Dendroica virens* (Gmel). First seen, October 12, 1902; September 20, 1903. Migrant, September-October.
102. **Yellow Red-poll Warbler**, *Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea* Ridg. Seen May 3, 1903.
103. **Oven-Bird**, *Seiurus aurocapillus* (Linn). Seen only in September.
104. **Water-Thrush**, *Seiurus noveboracensis* (Gmel). First seen, May 17, 1903. Seen only in May.
105. **Louisiana Water-Thrush**, *Seiurus motacilla* (Vieill). Seen May 11, 1904.
106. **Kentucky Warbler**, *Geothlypis formosa* (Wils). First seen, September 13, 1903. Seen only in September.
107. **Maryland Yellow-throat**, *Geothlypis trichas* (Linn). First seen, April 27, 1902; April 29, 1903; April 29, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
108. **Yellow-breasted Chat**, *Icteria virens* (Linn). First seen, May 1, 1902; May 9, 1903; May 11, 1904. Seen only in May.
109. **Canadian Warbler**, *Sylvania canadensis* (Linn). Seen May 11, 1904.
110. **American Redstart**, *Setophaga ruticilla* (Linn). First seen, May 4, 1903; May 11, 1904. Migrant, May and Sept.
111. **American Pipit**, *Anthus pensilvanicus* (Lath). First seen, October 4, 1902. Seen only in October.
112. **Catbird**, *Galeoscoptes carolinensis* (Linn). First seen, April 27, 1902; April 29, 1903; April 28, 1904. Summer resident, April to October.
113. **Brown Thrasher**, *Harporynchus rufus* (Linn). First seen, April 17, 1902; April 4, 1903; April 5, 1904. Summer resident, April to September.
114. **Carolina Wren**, *Thryothorus ludovicianus* (Lath). Permanent resident, uncommon in winter.
115. **Bewick's Wren**, *Thryothorus bewickii* (Aud). First seen, May 18, 1902. Summer resident, May to October.
116. **House Wren**, *Troglodytes aedon* Vieill. First seen, May 1, 1902; April 4, 1903; April 2, 1904. Summer resident.
117. **Winter Wren**, *Troglodytes hiemalis* Vieill. First seen, March 19, 1903; April 5, 1904. Recorded in March, April, May, September, October.
118. **Short-billed Marsh Wren**, *Cistothorus stellaris* (Licht). One record, April 1902.

119. **Long-billed Marsh Wren**, *Cistothorus palustris* (Wils). One record, October 11, 1902.
120. **Brown Creeper**, *Certhia familiaris americana* (Bonap). Winter resident, October to April.
121. **White-breasted Nuthatch**, *Sitta carolinensis* Lath. Permanent resident.
122. **Red-bellied Nuthatch**, *Sitta canadensis* Linn. Migrant April and September-October.
123. **Tufted Titmouse**, *Parus bicolor* (Linn). Permanent resident.
124. **Chickadee**, *Parus atricapillus* (Linn). Permanent resident, most abundant, September to May.
125. **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, *Regulus satrapa* Licht. First seen, March 19, 1903; March 29, 1904. Migrant, March, and April, October and November.
126. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, *Regulus calendula* (Linn). First seen, April 18, 1903. Migrant, April.
127. **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, *Polioptila caerulea* (Linn). First seen, May 17, 1902; April 14, 1903; May 11, 1904. Migrant, April-May and September.
128. **Wood Thrush**, *Turdus mustelinus* Gmel. First seen, May 31, 1904. Migrant, May and September.
129. **Veery**, *Turdus fuscescens* Steph. First seen, April 7 1903; May 11, 1904. Spring migrant, April-May.
130. **Olive-backed Thrush**, *Turdus ustulatus swainsonii* (Cab). First seen, May 10, 1904. Migrant, May-June and September.
131. **Hermit Thrush**, *Turdus aonalaschkae pallasii* (Cab). First seen, April 3, 1903; April 17, 1904. Migrant, April-May and September-October.
132. **Robin**, *Merula migratoria* (Linn). Permanent resident, uncommon in December and January.
133. **Blue-bird**, *Sialia sialis* (Linn). Permanent resident; uncommon in December and January.

In all cases dates given are inclusive. **First seen** means the first record of the year for the species mentioned. Unfortunately, my records do not contain the dates of departure for migratory species.

It should be distinctly understood that the above records are those of a lad interested in bird-lore, rather than the field-results of a mature and experienced ornithologist. The determinations were all made in the field, with the aid of opera-glasses.